GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance to the neighbouring countries for setting up medical colleges;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any preferences likely to be given to the Indian students who are willing to pursue their studies in such overseas colleges; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, a 50 seat (currently 100 seat) medical college and a 350 bed hospital was built with Indian assistance of Rs.120 Crore and was formally handed over to the Government of Nepal in1999. Presently Government of India is extending assistance in the form of providing Indian faculty support to the college.

The Royal Government of Bhutan has requested the Government of India to assist in setting up a Medical College in Thimphu, Bhutan.

(c) & (d) 10 seats are earmarked for Indian nationals in the MBBS Course conducted by the B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal.